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# DX INFORMATION

**AFRICA TRIP** • Joe, AA4NN and Chuck, W4GMY will operate as 3DA0NN and 3DA0CG from Swaziland on 18-22 November. Then they will move to Mozambique and be active as C91NN and C91CG on 24-26 November. They will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as C91F (Multi-Single). [TNX AA4NN]

**ANTARCTIC OPERATIONS** • Antarctica Award manager Gianni Marruccella, IZ8CGS reports that, while the austral summer season is approaching, the following bases continue being active on the amateur radio bands:

- \* 8J1RL from Syowa Station (JA-02) on East Ongul Island (AN-015), QSL via the JARL bureau;
- \* EM1HO from Akademik Vernadsky Station (UR-01) on Galindez Island (AN-006), QSL via I2PJA;
- \* HF0QF from Henryk Arctowski Station (SP-01) on King George Island, South Shetlands (AN-010), QSL via SP7IWA;
- \* R1ANB from Mirny (UA-07) on Queen Mary Coast (AN-016), QSL via RU1ZC;
- \* R1ANF from Bellingshausen (UA-04) on King George Island, South Shetlands (AN-010), QSL via RK1PWA;

Please use the Antarctica Award reference number (e.g. JA-02) when spotting these and other Antarctic stations, in order to make reasearches easier through the cluster commands and in the cluster spot archives. Full information on the reference numbers can be found in the Antarctica Award Directory, which is downloadable at [www.mdxc.org/antarctica](http://www.mdxc.org/antarctica) [TNX IZ8CGS]

**ANTARCTIC TOUR** - Mike Gloistein, GM0HCQ is leaving again for Antarctica onboard the RRS "James Clark Ross". He should be able to operate from VP8SGK (South Georgia), VP8SIG (Signy Base in the South Orkneys, Antartica Aw. G-05, AN-008) and VP8ROT (Rothera Base on Adelaide Island, - Antartica Aw. G-07, AN-001). QSLs via GM0HCQ, direct or bureau. Updates on his itinerary will be published on <http://www.gm0hcq.com> [TNX GM0HCQ]

**3DA** - John, G4IRN has cancelled his 3-12 September operation from Lesotho [425DXN 695]. He will go and operate mainly CW as 3DA0RN from Swaziland over the same dates. QSL via home call, direct or bureau (e-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to [g4irn@ntlworld.com](mailto:g4irn@ntlworld.com)). Please visit <http://www.qsl.net/g4irn> for further information and on-line logs. [TNX G4IRN]

## PETER I

3Y0X, the third ever DXpedition to Peter I Island, will be brought on the air by a multi.national team of 21 operators (namely F2JD, HB9AHL, HB9BHW, K0IR, K4UEE, K3NA, K4SV, K5AB, K9SG, LA6VM, N2WB, N4GRN, N6OX, NK7C, NP4IW, OH2BH, OH2PM, PA5M, UA3AB, VK4GL and W0RUN). They plan to operate for two full weeks with nine stations 24 hours a day. The voyage to Peter I will start from Punta Arenas on 14 January and will take 6-7 days. The exact landing date will depend on weather. Contributions can be sent to K4UEE, F2JD, JA1ELY and ZL2AL (details on <http://www.peterone.com>), but another way to help out is to purchase a souvenir of the DXpedition at the Peter I Store ([www.cafepress.com/peter1store](http://www.cafepress.com/peter1store)).

**4S** - Twenty-five Japanese operators will be active on all bands and modes from Sri Lanka on 18-25 September. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]  
**7Q** - Renato, IN3BHR has joined Ely, IN3VZE (7Q7CE) [425DXN 693] and will operate on 10-160 metres SSB as 7Q7RB from the Resort Club Makokola (Lake Malawi) until 23 September. QSL IN3BHR via IN3BHR, direct or bureau. [TNX IN3VZE]

**7X** - 7W0AD is the callsign issued to the group of Spanish operators for their 2-9 October activity form Algeria [425DXN 698]. QSL via EA4URE. [TNX EA5KY]



**7X** - Angel/EA1QF, Pere/EA3CUU, Paco/EA4BT, Emilio/EA7AAW, Julio/EA7JB, Juan Lucas/EA7TL and Ramon/EB4EPJ will be active from Algeria on 2-9 October. They will operate from the QTH of 7X0AD, probably using his callsign. QSL via EA4URE. The activity will be held in co-operation

**9A** - 9A/OE1CIQ, 9A/OE8YDQ and 9A/OE6CAG will be active from Krk Island (EU-136, CI-046, MC-185) on 7-11 September. They might also go and operate from Plavnik Mali (EU-136, CI-225, MC-225), Kormati (EU-136, CI-178, MC-165) and Cres (EU-136, CI-012, MC-056). [TNX IT9DAA & MIA Bulletin]

**9A** - Zik, DL/VE3ZIK (4N1DX) will be active again as 9A/VE3ZIK from Croatia on 12-19 September. It will be a holiday style operation from Bilice, near Sibenik (JN73WS). He will try to concentrate on the WARC bands and 10m FM. QSL via DL3PS, direct or bureau. [TNX DL/VE3ZIK]

**9G** - Kees, PA0CJH will be active (on 80, 40, 20, 17 and 15 metres SSB, CW and PSK31) as 9G5JH from Accra, Ghana from 29 September to 13 November. QSL via home call. [TNX PA0CJH]



**9K** - A group of operators from the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society plans to operate as 9K2F from Failaka Island (AS-118) for 3-4 days at the end of the month. [TNX W3UR]



**9K** - The Daily DX reports that the announced 9K2F (AS-118) operation [425DXN 696] has been postponed.

**9M** - Rich, PAORRS will operate again from Malaysia in February and March as follows: 3-13 Feb 9M6/PAORRS East Malaysia 13-26 Feb 9M6/PAORRS/8 Sarawak (OC-088), East Malaysia 27 Feb-19 Mar 9M6/PAORRS/2 Penang Island (AS-015), West Malaysia QSL via home call, direct (Richard Smeets, Schoorveken 100, 5121NM Rijen, The Netherlands) or bureau. All of the direct and bureau QSL cards for his previous 9M6/PAORRS activity have been processed and sent out. [TNX PAORRS]

between URE and ARA. [TNX EA5KY]

**BY** - BA1RB will operate on 10-20 metres (WARC bands included, possibly with some 160 and 80m as well as PSK31 and RTTY) as BA1RB/3 from the Hebei/Tianjin Province Group (AS-134) on 18-20 September. QSL Via EA7FTR. [TNX EA7FTR]

**CE** - A group of operators from the Atacama Desert DX Group and Radio Club La Serena will be active (on 10-80 metres CW, SSB, BPSK31 and SSTV) as XR2G from Damas Island (SA-086) on 25-26 September to celebrate the 40th anniversary of IOTA. QSL via XQ1IDM. [TNX XQ1IDM]

**CE** - Mario/CE6NE, Marco/CE6TBN, Mike/K9AJ and Lucas/LU1FAM plan to operate from the Rennell Islands (Ultima Esperanza Province South Group, SA-???) on 14-17 February 2005. Further information is expected in due course. [TNX CE6NE]

**CO** - Angel, EA1QF and Carlos, EB1AA will work on a "Radiosolidaridad" project in Cuba on 12-25 October and will operate as T42R in their spare time. QSL via EA4URE. [TNX EA5KY]

**DL** - Helmut, DL7VOX will operate mainly CW as DL7VOX/P from Usedom Island (EU-129) on 4-18 September. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX DL7VOX]

**DL** - Look for DD6VSF/P to operate PSK, RTTY and SSB from Hiddensee Island (EU-057) on 19-26 September. QSL via bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

**DL** - Look for Klaus, DJ4JI/p to operate on 80, 40 and 20 metres SSB from Pellworm Island (EU-042) on 12-18 September. QSL via bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

**EA** - Jose Manuel, EA4AAA will operate as EA4AAA/EA5/m from the lighthouse at Cabo de Huertas (ARLHS SPA-016, E-0166 for the Spanish lighthouses award) on 18 September starting around 15 UTC. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [TNX GM3VLB]

**EA6** - Christian, DL6KAC reports he will be active again as EA6/DL6KAC from Mallorca (DIE E-021), Balearic Islands (EU-004) on 6-28 September. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**EA8** - Herman, ON4QX will operate as EA8/ON4QX from Gran Canaria (AF-004) on 9-24 October. [TNX ON4QX]

**EL** - EL2PM is the callsign issued to Pat, EI5IF [425DXN 682]. He will remain in Liberia for another three months. [TNX F5NQL]

**F** - F0DIA, F5RRS, F5SDT, F8NZQ, F5TIL and F4BAH will be again active as TM8MB from Aiguille du Midi (3842m a.s.l., Mont Blanc) during the European IARU VHF Contest on 4-5 September. QSL via F0DIA. [TNX F5RRS]

**FH** - Andre, ZS6WPX will operate as FH/ZS6WPX from Mayotte (AF-027) on 1-13 October. QSL direct only via home call. [TNX NG3K]

**FK** - Mike, KM9D and Jan, KF4TUG have left Noumea (OC-032) and expect to operate from Huon Island in the rare D'Entrecasteaux Reefs (OC-058), New Caledonia until around 15 September. QSL FK/KM9D and FK/KF4TUG via OM2SA. Logs will be uploaded to LOTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

**FO** - The operation from Hereheretue (OC-058), originally planned to take place on 18-20 September [425DXN 692], has been delayed. Unfavourable weather conditions caused Nando/IT9YRE, Claudio/I1SNW and Alfio/IT9EJW to put off their departure until 17 September at 6 a.m. Tahiti time. The voyage will take about 48 hours and now they expect to arrive around 15 UTC on 19 September. The operators will concentrate on working Europe between 6.30 and 12.30 UTC on 20 metres. QSL direct via home calls. [TNX I1SNW and KB5GL]

#### KERGUELEN ISLANDS

**FT\*X** - The Microlite Penguins DXpedition Team of VP8GEO (South Georgia) & VP8THU (South Sandwich Islands) fame will activate the Kerguelen Islands next year. A multinational team of twelve highly experienced operators from France, Ireland, Switzerland, Canada, Australia, Singapore, South Africa and the United States will operate on the HF bands between 15 March and 2 April 2005. "This DXpedition is funded entirely by the twelve team members and a generous and exclusive grant by the Northern California DX Foundation," said James Brooks, 9V1YC, DXpedition Team Leader. "There are no other club, foundation, individual, manufacturer or QSL sponsors." Additional details will be released in the coming weeks. [TNX N4GN]

**G** - Bill/G3WNI, Tom/G0PSE and Dave/M0AOD will operate (on 160-10 metres CW and SSB, possibly on 6 metres as well) as GB0SM from St. Mary's Island (EU-011) on 2-9 October. QSL via G0PSE, direct or bureau. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

**G** - Special event station GB200CLB will be activated on all bands and modes from Cromer Lifeboat Station (JO02PW) on 30-31 October. Anyone interested in operating, logging or helping with the station, please contact David, M0CNP ([david@m0cnp.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:david@m0cnp.fsnet.co.uk)). [TNX M0CNP]

**G** - The Cray Valley Radio Society will be active on 25-26 September using the special callsign GB2BF as part of "Transmission 2004" to raise money for the British Wireless for the Blind. They will be running two stations, and the more contacts they made, the more money they raise for the fund. Special QSL via G4DFI, direct or bureau. [TNX M3RCV]

**GM** - Andre, GM3VLB plans to operate from Skye (EU-008) and several other islands in the Inner Hebrides - namely S. Rona, Scalpay, Longay, Staffin, Flodigarry, Wiay, Soay and Crowlin - for up to two weeks starting on 4 September. All the operations are weather dependent. QSL direct only via home call. [TNX GM3VLB]

**GM** - The Orkney Wireless Museum will be on the air as GB2OWM during the Orkney Science Festival

(<http://www.osf.org.uk>) until 11 September.

Probable operating times will be weekdays and Sundays between 14.30 and 16.30 and on Saturdays from 10 to 12.30. [TNX M0MODFV]

**GM** - Marian/GM0OYU, Stuart/GM4WMM and Derek/GM0EEY will operate as GB150NRL will be active



from the lighthouse (ARLHS SCO-155) on North Ronaldsay, Orkney Islands (EU-009) on 4-5 September. This special event station is to celebrate 150 years since the first lighting of the lighthouse on 1 September 1854. [TNX MM0DFV]

**GM** - Workington & District ARC members Steve/G0MTD, Joe/M0DHV, Malcolm/M0XAT and Mark/2E0MAX will operate on 80-10 metres SSB, plus VHF/UHF FM as MS0WRC from the Isle of Arran (EU-123) until 26 September. QSL via the bureau or direct to G0MTD (Stephen Topping, 7 Beckstone Close, Harrington, Workington, Cumbria CA14 5QR, England, UK). [TNX MM0DFV]

**HA** - Laci/HA0HW (J45HW), Tomi/HA4DX (J45DX) and a third HA operator will be active (on 40-10 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31) from Rhodes (EU-001) from 26 September to 3 October. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX HA0HW]

**HBO** - Andy, LY2BVB will operate (on 80, 40, 20 and 15 metres CW and SSB) as HBO/LY2BVB from Liechtenstein on 20-23 September. QSL via bureau to LY2BVB. [TNX HA0HW]

**HBO** - Look for Roger, HB0/ON7TQ and Marcel, HB0/ON6UQ to be active from Liechtenstein on 12-19 September. They plan to operate on 160-10 metres SSB and CW. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K]

**HL** - Special event station DT04YL will be aired on 6-16 October for the YL Meeting 2004 to be held in Seoul. 170 people from 20 countries are expected to attend the event, which is organized by the the Korea Ladies Amateur Radio Club (<http://www.ylnet.org/html/english-main.html>).

QSL via HL1OYF or HL1SFX. [TNX DL3KWF]

**I** - ARI Imperia members Giuseppe, I1WXY and Gabriele, IK1NEG will be active (mainly on 40 and 20 metres) as IQ1IM/P from Porto Maurizio Lighthouse (WAIL LI-002, ARLHS ITA-118) on 4 September, starting around 6 UTC. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau, direct cards should be sent to I1ASU. [TNX IK1AWV]

**I** - Biella ARI Branch station IQ1CM will be activated on 19 September during the III "BiellaRadio" fair. QSL via bureau.

**I** - Gianni, IZ8CGS will be active from Lampedusa Island (AF-019, IIA AG-001, MIA MI-126) on 23-26 September. QSL via IK8VRN. [TNX IZ8CGS]

**I** - I11TPG ([www.i11tpg.it](http://www.i11tpg.it)) will be the official amateur radio station for the IX Paralympic Winter Games, which will be hosted in Torino in 2006. The station will be aired for the first time from 28 September to 3 October to open the count down towards the olympic event, and again on 3-5 December. QSL via IZ1CCE, direct or bureau. A web site is under construction at [www.i11tpg.it](http://www.i11tpg.it) [TNX IZ1CCE]

**I** - IY4FGM, the station at the Guglielmo Marconi Foundation at Pontecchio, will be activated during the Italian HF-DX Convention next weekend ([www.ari-bo.it](http://www.ari-bo.it)). QSL via IK4UPU.

**I** - Look for Alberto, IT9MRM to be active (on 40, 20 and 15 metres SSB) as follows: \* on 7 September (8-17 UTC) as IF9/IT9MRM from Punta Sottile Lighthouse (WAIL SI-024, ARLHS ITA-145) on Favignana Island (EU-054, IIA TP-011, MIA MI-025); \* from 14 UTC on 14 September until 12 UTC on the 15th as I8/IT9MRM from Capo Spartivento Lighthouse (WAIL CL-009, ARLHS ITA-043); \* from 12 UTC on 27 September until 20 UTC on the 28th as IH9/IT9MRM from Pantelleria Island (AF-018,

IIA TP-001, MIA MI-124). QSL via home call, direct (Alberto Mattei, Via E. Millo 20, 96011 Augusta - SR, Italy) or bureau. Logs will be available at <http://www.mondoradiomania.tk> [TNX IT9MRM]

**I** - Look for Michele, IF9ZWA to operate (mainly on 20 and 40 metres SSB) as IF9ZWA/p from Punta Libeccio Lighthouse (ARLHS ITA-133, WAIL SI-025) on Marettimo (EU-054, IIA TP-010, MIA MI-056) on 25-26 September. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX IZ7ATN]

**I** - Nuccio, I7YKN and other members of the Strange Radio Team (Umberto/I0NZK, Christine/I7OCD, Luigi/IW8EQS, Simone/IZ0BT, Francesco/IZ7AUH, Fabio/IZ7CRW, Marco/IZ7DOK, Oreste/IZ8EDJ and Salvatore/IZ8GGF) will be active from three EU-091 islands in early October. Expects activity from Isola del Capezzone (IIA LE 004) on the 1st, Chianca D' Abramo (LE 017) on the 2nd and Grande di Porto Cesareo (LE-017) on the 3rd. QSL via I7YKN, direct or bureau. [TNX IZ8EDJ and I6YOT]

**I** - Special call IROSN will be activated on 20-30 September as part of the celebrations for the 1000th anniversary of the foundation of the Abbey of Grottaferrata. QSL via IZ0BT, direct or bureau. [TNX IZ0BT]

**I** - Stefano, IK5PWQ will operate (on 40, 30 and 20 metres CW and SSB) as IP1/IK5PWQ from Palmaria Island (not IOTA, IIA SP-001) on 6-12 September. He will also try to operate (on 20 metres only, CW and SSB) from Tinetto Island (EU-083, SP-003) for one or two days. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX IK5PWQ]

**I** - The new dates for IG9/IZ8CGS ([http://www.mdxc.org/ig9\\_iz8cgs](http://www.mdxc.org/ig9_iz8cgs)) from Lampedusa (AF-019) [425DXN 698] are 24-27 September. QSL via IK8VRN. [TNX IZ8CGS]

**JA** - J01DPQ will operate from Miyake Island (AS-008) on 11-15 September. QSL via home call. [TNX JI6KVR]

**JA** - Look for JQ6GXP/6 to operate from Kami-Koshiki Island (AS-037, JIIA AS-037-003) from around 8 UTC on 18 September until 23 UTC on the 19th. He will the go and operate from Shimo-Koshiki (AS-037, JIIA AS-037-007) until 21 September. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

**JA** - Look for Kenji, JA4GXS/4 to operate (on 80, 40, 30, 20 and 15 metres CW and SSB) from Otsu Island (AS-117, JIIA-AS-117-110) starting on 19 September around 8 UTC until 23 UTC on the 20th. QSL via home call, direct (Kenji Sasaki, 2-15 Ishikannon-cho, Yamaguchi, 753-0038 Japan) or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

**JA** - Steve, K7USJ will be active (on 40-6 metres CW and SSB, as well as FM on 29.300 MHz) as 7J1AIL/JR6 from Iriomote, Yaeyama Islands (AS-024) from 29 September through 2 October. QSL via K7USJ (direct) or 7J1AIL (direct or bureau). [TNX K7USJ]

**JT** - JT100M is the callsign being used until 13 September during the Mongolian leg of the Altay-Himalaya Transasian off-road expedition [425DXN 694]. QSL via UA9OBA. [TNX RA0BA]

**JW** - LA7QI (JW7QI) and LA8AW (JW8AW) will be active from Spitzbergen (EU-026) until 20 September. QSL via home calls. They will participate in the Scandinavian Activity Contest CW as JW8D (QSL via LA7QI).

**KH7K** - The DXpedition to Kure Atoll [425DXN 691], originally planned for mid to late October, has been postponed. The Pacific DX Group will continue to work towards going at the next possible window of opportunity. This could be as soon as late winter or early





spring 2005. They ask that all groups or people who have contributed towards this trip or are thinking of contributing, to please continue to support them as they work to raise the necessary funding. Regional fundraisers can be contacted at [funds-na-sa-kure@inix.com](mailto:funds-na-sa-kure@inix.com) (North & South America), [funds-eu-kure@inix.com](mailto:funds-eu-kure@inix.com) (Europe), [funds-ja-kure@inix.com](mailto:funds-ja-kure@inix.com) (Japan), [funds-kure@inix.com](mailto:funds-kure@inix.com) (all other areas). General inquiries should be sent to [pdxq-kure@inix.com](mailto:pdxq-kure@inix.com) [TNX KH7U]

#### WAKE ISLAND

**KH9** - The Daily DX reports that Terry, K7ASU/KH9 and George, KH9/AH8H (V73GT) are working on Wake Island (OC-053) and will be QRV in their spare time for another four weeks. Terry plans to concentrate on Europe between 7 and 9.30 UTC on 20 metres CW. QSL KH9/AH8H to George Talbot, P.O. Box 45, APO AP 96555-0045, USA; QSL K7ASU/KH9 via K7ASU.



**LA** - Look for LA3SRK/P to be activated from Hitra Island (EU-036) between 13 UTC on 4 September and 13 UTC on the 5th during the Region 1 Field Day. Five stations will operate CW (1830, 3530, 7030, 14030, 21030, 28030 kHz), SSB (1850, 3750, 7050, 14250, 21250, 28450 kHz), PSK (3580, 7040, 14070, 21070, 28120 kHz) and RTTY (3585, 7035, 14080, 21080, 28080 kHz). QSL via SM5SIC. [TNX SM5SIC]

**LX** - Six Dutch operators will be active on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and PSK31 as LX/PA6Z from Luxembourg on 2-8 October. QSL via PA1K, direct or bureau. [TNX PA5R]

**OA** - Eric, SM1TDE will be active (on 80-10 metres CW with some RTTY and SSB) as SM1TDE/OA4 from Lima, Peru between 22 February and 5 March. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX SM1TDE]



*Erik, SM1TDE*

**OH0** - Look for Oleg, OH0/ES1RA/P and Jaak, OH0/ES1FB/P to be active from the Aland Islands (EU-002) on 7-10 September. QSL via home calls. [TNX ES1RA]

**OJO** - The World Wide Young Contesters' 23-26 September OJOYC operation from Market Reef [425DXN 685] has been postponed until the IOTA Contest 2005. [TNX OH6GDX]

**OZ** - Look for Palle, OZ5MJ/p and Jakob, OZ7AEI/p to operate on 20 and 40 metres from several EU-172 islands and lighthouses on 27 September. Islands mentioned are Thuroe (DIA FY-016, ARLHS DEN-220 and DEN-221), Taasinge (FY-015, DEN-161 and DEN-162), Sioe (FY-021, DEN-218) and Langeland (FY-019, DEN-163), and they might also operate from a couple of DIA new ones. Information on OZ7AEI's activations can be found at <http://oz7aei.grz.dk> [TNX OZ7AEI]

**PA** - Kees, PA3EEQ and Age, PA0XAW will be active (on 40, 20 and maybe 80 metres CW and SSB) from the lighthouse (ARLHS NET-021) on Schiermonnikoog Island (EU-038) on 11 September. QSL to home calls, direct or bureau. Information on the Dutch Lighthouse Award can be found at <http://www.qsl.net/PI4ALK>. [TNX PA0XAW]

**PA** - Look for Rolf, PA/DH8KV to be active from Texel Island (EU-038) until 24 September. [TNX DXNL]

**R1\_mv** - The R1MVI operation from Malyj Vysotsky (EU-117) [425DXN 695] has been rescheduled to take place on 10-12 September. QSL via RA3AMG, who recommends to use his Latvian address (Denis Skobelkin, A.k. 698, LV-1010 Riga, Latvia). [TNX The Daily DX]

**S7** - Marco/HB9OCR, Piera/HB3YIY and possibly others will operate (on the HF bands SSB, 80 metres excluded) as S79MH from Praslin Island (AF-024), Seychelles from 24 October to 6 November, CQ WW DX SSB Contest included. QSL via HB9OCR. [TNX HB9OCR]

**S9** - Jorge, CT1EFV will take part in the "Latitude Zero Equatorial Challenge 2004" humanitarian mission to Sao Tome. He plans to operate as S92LZ on 19-26 September, depending on local conditions. QSL via CT1EFV. [TNX CT1END]

**S9** - Marq, CT1BWW will operate on all bands and modes as S92BWW from Rolas Island (AF-023) on 1-15 October. QSL via CT1BWW, direct (Manuel A. C. Marques, P.O. Box 41, 2780-901 Oeiras, Portugal) or bureau. Further information at <http://www.geocities.com/ct1bww> [TNX CT1BWW]

**SM** - Fred, SM7DAY and Jan, SM7NGH will operate on most bands CW and SSB from Ven Island (EU-137) on 27-29 September. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX SM7NGH]

**SM** - Hakan, SM5AQD is celebrating his 30 years of amateur radio and will operate as SF30A until 31 December. QSL via home call. [TNX SM5AQD]

**SM** - The SI9AM station (<http://www.qsl.net/si9am>) will be activated during the SAC CW (18-19 September, by SM3EAE, SM3FJF and probably other SM3s) and SSB (25-26 September, by DF6JC and DL1EJS). QSL via SM3CVM, direct or bureau. [TNX SM3CVM]

**ST** - Dane, ST2T (S57CQ) [425DXN 684] is still in Sudan and, according to his QSL manager, will remain there for another 2-3 months. He expects to operate in the WAEDC SSB Contest during the weekend. QSL via S57DX. [TNX S57DX]

**SU** - Gab, HA3JB will operate as SU8BHI from Egypt from 21 September to 20 December. He plans to be QRV on CW, PSK, RTTY and some SSB, and to participate in the CQ/RJ DX RTTY and CQ WW DX CW contests. QSL direct only via home call (Kutasi Gabor, P.O. Box 243, H-8601 Siofok, Hungary). Logs will be available at <http://www.qsl.net/ha3jb> [TNX HA0HW]



**Gab, HA3JB**

**SV** - Look for SV8/DF7XE to be active (on 10-80 metres CW, SSB, PSK31 and RTTY) from Thassos Island (EU-174) on 1-13 October. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

**SV** - Mike, G8VHB will operate on 40 and 20 metres SSB as SV8/G8VHB from Thira/Santorini (EU-067) on 14-20 September. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

**SV9** - Phil, G4OBK will operate as J42004Q from Akrotiri, Crete (EU-015) on 8-15 September, then he will revert to SV9/G4OBK. He expects to be active on RTTY and CW, and maybe a little PSK31 and SSB as well, on 10-30 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau [TNX G4OBK]

**T30** - Tom, K7ZZ will operate as T30T from Tarawa (OC-017), West Kiribati from 25 October through 9 November, CQ WW DX SSB Contest included. Outside the contest he will concentrate on the WARC bands and CW. It will be a low power operation, but Tom will have two element vertical arrays on 40-10 metres, a single vertical on 80m and wire on 160m. QSL via K7ZZ (direct only); the logs will be placed on Logbook of the World. [TNX K7ZZ]

**TA** - Berkin, TA3J will operate as TC2K4J from 24 September to 2 November. This special activity will commemorate forty silent-key operators from Turkey. QSL via TA3YJ, direct (no green stamps, please) or bureau. Further information can be found at <http://www.geocities.com/tc2k4j/>. [TNX TA3YJ]

**TK** - Christophe, F4DZY will be active as TK/F4DZY from Corsica (EU-014) on 8-22 September. He will operate mainly SSB during his spare time. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX F5NQL]



**Dimitri, F5SWB**

**TR** - The Daily DX reports that Dimitri, F5SWB is going to spend two months in Gabon and plans to operate as TR8DF on all bands CW during his spare time. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**TT** - Francois, F6GYV is now active in his spare time (mainly during the local evening hours and on Sundays) from Chad as TT8FT. QSL via F6GYV (bureau) or direct to TT8FT (Francois Theveneau, Celtel Tchad, BP 5665, Ndjamena, Chad). [TNX F5NQL]

**TT** - Robert, S53R left for Chad on 2 September. He will remain there for about ten days and he plans to operate as either TT8RK or TT8KR in his limited spare time. QSL via K2PF. [TNX ON5NT]

**TT** - TT8KR is the callsign issued to Robert, S53R [425DXN 697]. Expect him to be active from N'Djamena until 14 September. He will try to operate on 160 metres, but the roof of the hotel is very low. [TNX ON5NT]

#### **CHESTERFIELD ISLANDS**

The operators for the DXpedition to the Chesterfield Islands [425DXN 688] will be Jan/DJ8NK, Dieter/DJ9ON, Heye/DJ9RR, Hawa/DK9KX, Dieter/DL3KDV, Chris/DL5NAM, and Hans/ DL6JGN. They will leave Germany on 8 October and expect to be QRV (on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and RTTY) on the 15th or the 16th for eight days. The callsign will not be made public before the operation starts. QSL via DL5NAM (for SSB and RTTY) or DL4XS (for CW and 6 metres), direct or bureau. Details on their QSLing policy can be found at <http://www.df3cb.com/chesterfield/>; contributions are welcome (please contact Chris, DL5NAM at [dl5nam@arrl.net](mailto:dl5nam@arrl.net)).

**TY** - Michael, PA5M went QRT from Mali (TZ5M) on 20 September. After a few days in Ghana (no operation planned), he will go to Benin and be active in his spare time as TY5M from 30 September to 21 October. QSL via PA7FM and on-line logs at <http://www.pa7fm.nl> [TNX PA7FM]

**TZ** - Michael, PA5M went QRT from Niger (5U7DX) and is now active in his spare time as TZ6M from Mali until 16 September at least. QSL via PA7FM. On-line logs can be found as usual on <http://www.pa7fm.nl>. [TNX PA7FM and ON5NT]

**UA** - RA1QQ, RA1QY, RA1QCZ and RA1QGO plan to operate as UE1RRC/P from an island (new one for the RRC programme) located in the Rybinskoe basin on 3-6 September. QSL via RA1QQ. [TNX RA1QHJ]

**UA** - Special station UEOLPR will be activated on 3-23 September for the "Pak Rim Challenger 2004" sailing regatta. QSL via UA0LQJ. [TNX UA0LQJ]

**UA** - SRR (Soyuz Radiolyubitelej Rossii) is celebrating the 10th anniversary of IARU membership. Thanks to the effort of UA0ANW, UA9AM, UA9PC, RN6BY, RU6AX, RW3QC, UA4CC, RX3RZ, RZ3TX and RW1AC, ten club stations will operate under special callsigns on 4-13 September: R1SRR (by RU1A), R2SRR (by RZ3TXB), R3SRR (by RK3RWA), R4SRR (by RK4CWA), R5SRR (by RK3QWA), R6SRR (by RZ6AZZ), R7SRR (by RK6AWJ), R8SRR (by RZ9OZO), R9SRR (by RZ9AWO) and R0SRR (by RK0AXX). Some of them will take part in the AA SSB and WAE SSB contests. The QSL route for all stations is via the SRR bureau (P.O. Box 88, Moscow, 119311, Russia). [TNX RZ3AA]

**UA** - Victor, RV3YR and other operators from the Fifth Ocean Flight ARC and the Brjanskij Radio Club are active as UE3YGA and UE3YGA/p from various Russian Districts in Brjansk region until 20 September. QSL via RV3YR (Victor Borodin, P.O. Box 1, Bryansk-27, 241027 Russia). [TNX RV3YR]



**UR** - Look for Tom (UT3IB/P), Mike (UT9IO/P), Alex (UX2IQ/P) and Igor (UY9IA/P) to be active from Berezan Island (EU-179, UIA BS-02) and Lighthouse (ULA-009, ARLHS UKR-035) on 11-19 September. QSL via UX2IQ, direct (P.O. Box 370, Yenakiyevo, 86420 Ukraine) or bureau. [TNX UT3IB]

**UR** - Special event call EO1WRP will be aired on all bands and modes on 10-14 September. QSL via UT7WZ, direct (Miroslav Lupiy, P.O.Box 94, Lviv 79000, Ukraine) or bureau. [TNX UR5WCW]

**V2** - Team Antigua will once again activate V26B (<http://n3oc.dyndns.org/v26b/>) during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as a Multi-Two entry. QSL via KA2AEV (direct only, as they "cannot guarantee a timely response for QSLs received via the bureau route").

Before and after the contest (from about 26 October until about 3 November) the operators will be active with their individual calls; they will make special attempts to be active on RTTY, PSK31, 160 metres and the WARC bands. There is also a possibility of some satellite operations on AO-7 and AO-



51. Look for V26A (QSL via WB3DNA), V26B (QSL via KA2AEV), V26EM (QSL via W2SN), V26G (QSL via N2ED), V26KEN (QSL via N2KEN), V26OC (QSL via N3OC), V26OX (QSL via K3OX) and V26R (QSL via KA2AEV), plus a few new members who will announce their QSL routes when their Antiguan callsigns become finalized. [TNX KA2AEV]

**V6** - Kazuhide Maruyama, JA0VSH and his wife Miyuki, JG0PBJ will operate as V63KZ and V63MP from Micronesia on 17-26 September. They plan to be active on 160-10 metres SSB and CW. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. Please note that their new address is: 1-25-49, Irima-cho, Chofu, Tokyo 182-0004, Japan. [TNX JA0VSH]

**V6** - Neil, V73NS (WD8CRT) will operate as V63NS from Pohnpei (OC-010) on 7-10 October. QSL via V73NS (qrz.com). [TNX VA3RJ]

**VE** - Ken, G3OCA expects to be active as VE7/G3OCA from Quadra Island (NA-091) for a couple of days between 20 and 25 October. [TNX G3OCA]

**VE** - Look for special event call VE3QCWA to be aired from 17 September through 17 October for the QCWA International Convention that will be held in Ottawa on 15-17 October. QSL via VE3IQ. Founded in 1947, the Quarter Century Wireless Association is open to amateur radio operators who have been licenced for at least 25 years (please visit <http://www.qcwa.org/> for full information). [TNX VA3RJ]

**VE** - Nenad, VE3EXY will operate as VE3EXY/2 from Zone 2 from about 23 UTC on 23 September until about 13 UTC on the 28th, CQ/RJ DX RTTY Contest included. Look for him on 3510, 7010, 10107, 14025, 18077, 21025, 24897 and 28025 CW; 14090, 21090 and 28090 RTTY. [TNX VE3EXY]

**VK** - During his 3-4 November visit to Sweers Island (OC-227), Johan, PA3EXX (VK4WWI) will be active with resident YL operator Lyn, VK4SWE ([www.sweers.com.au](http://www.sweers.com.au)). QSL VK4SWE via home call, direct (Lyn Battle, Sweers Island, PMB 1 Karumba, Gulf of Carpentaria, QLD 4891, Australia) or bureau. [TNX PA3EXX]

**VK** - Gary, VK4PY will be active (SSB only) in his spare time from Melville Island (OC-173) for the next few weeks. QSL direct to VK4FW (Bill Horner, P.O. Box 513, Nambour, 4560, Australia). [TNX VK4FW]

**VK** - Paul, G0WRE plans to operate (mostly on +/- 14260 and 21260 kHz) from Magnetic Island (OC-171) and maybe from an island in the Queensland State (South Coast) North Group (OC-160). The dates are not sure as yet but it will be between 14 and 20 October. Paul will collect his licence upon arrival. Those wishing a contact with OC-171 for a new one can e-mail Paul ([g0wre@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:g0wre@blueyonder.co.uk)). QSL via G0WRE (all QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the RSGB bureau). [TNX G0WRE]

**VK** - The state of Western Australia is celebrating its 175th anniversary of existence this year. As part of the celebrations, the Northern Corridor Radio Group Inc (VK6ANC, <http://www.ncrg.org.au>) will operate as V16175WA during October, starting with the Oceania DX SSB Contest. After that it will be used on the HF bands by individual members of the club. QSL via VK6NE, direct or bureau. [TNX VK6APK]

**VK9\_lh** - After weeks of preparation, all the equipment for the Oceania DX Group's ([www.odxg.org](http://www.odxg.org)) operation from Lord Howe [425DXN 688] has been delivered to the boat. It will be stored on the island awaiting the team to arrive on 9 October in the late local afternoon. G3UML, IK6CAC, IV3FSG, VK2IVK, VK3SU, VK4FW and VK4NEF plan to operate on the following frequencies: 1812, 3512, 7012, 10107, 14012, 18072, 21012, 24912 and 28012 kHz (CW); 3785, 7045, 14260, 18140, 21260, 24950 and 28495 kHz (SSB); 7080, 10120, 14090, 18100 and 21090 kHz (RTTY). A Yaesu FT 857 with beacon will cycle on 50.100 MHz giving everyone a chance to call. One more operator would be welcome; enquiries should be sent to [vk4fw@westnet.com.au](mailto:vk4fw@westnet.com.au) [TNX VK4FW]

**VP8\_sg** - One of the staff at the British Antarctic Survey Base of Bird Island (South Georgia, AN-007) is active as VP8SGB. He generally operates (SSB only, usually on 20 metres) for about an hour, most days sometime between 17.30 and 20.00, and for about an hour on Sunday



*The British Antarctic Survey Base on Bird Island, South Georgia*

mornings between 10.00 and 12.00. QSL via GMOHCQ.

Further information will be posted at <http://www.gm0hcq.com> [TNX GM0HCQ]

**W** - Chuck, ND7K will be active (mostly on 20 metres SSB and CW, with some 40m) as ND7K/P from Bailey Island (NA-137) from 18 UTC on 19 September to 16 UTC on the 20th. This will be his last visit to the island this year. [TNX [www.islandchaser.com](http://www.islandchaser.com)]

**W** - Magnolia DX Association members K2FF, W5UE, W8JE and KK5EW will operate as K5R from Round Island (NA-082, USI MS-001, ARLHS USA-711) on 1-3 October. Expect activity on 10-80 metres (plus 160m if possible) CW and SSB, with three stations. QSL via W5UE. Updates, pictures and on-line logs will be posted on [http://www.mdxa.org/k5r\\_2004.html](http://www.mdxa.org/k5r_2004.html) [TNX W5UE]

**W** - The ARRL is celebrating the 135th birthday anniversary of the League's co-founder and first president Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW. ARRL Life members, elected and appointed volunteers and officials can append /135 to their call signs during the event, which started at 00.00 UTC on 2 September and will end at 24 UTC on the 12th. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

**XU** - Wim, ON6TZ (XU7TZG) expects to operate on +/- 7075, 14220 and 21320 kHz from Cambodia on 11-28 September. QSL via ON4AJV. [TNX The Daily DX]

**YB** - Hotang, YC0IEM is currently in Kupang on Timor Island (OC-148) for two weeks. He operates as YC0IEM/9 on 15 and 10 metres from the QTH of YC9MKF. QSL via IZ8CCW, direct or bureau. [TNX IZ8CCW]

**Z3** - Zoli, HA1CA will be active as Z38C from Macedonia for the next two years. QSL via HA1RS. [TNX HA0HW]

**SOUTH AMERICA TRIP** - Francisco, EA7FTR reports that Antonio, EA9CP will be touring South America in September-October as follows (QSLs via EA7FTR):

9-15 Sep OA4/EA9CP Punta Hermosa, Peru

17-21 Sep HC4CB and HC4/EA9CP Isla Cojimies (SA-056), Ecuador

22 Sep - 2 Oct HC8/EA9CP or HC8CB Isla San Cristobal, Galapagos (SA-004)

3 Oct HC1/EA9CP or HC1CB Quito, Ecuador

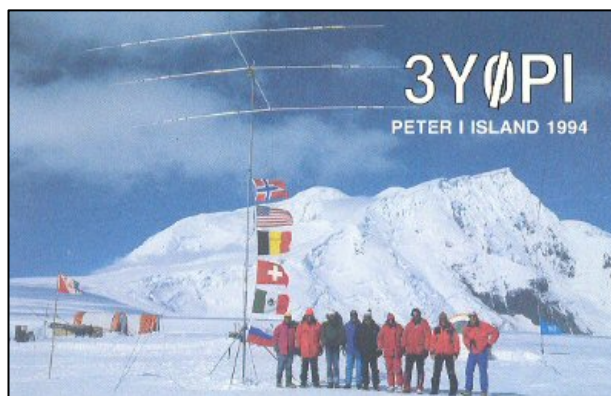
4-11 Oct TI2/EA9CP San Jose, Costa Rica

11-13 Oct HK0/EA9CP Isla San Andres (NA-033)

**CQ/RJ DX RTTY CONTEST** • The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event (25-26 September):

ZONE	CALL	CATEGORY	DXCC	QSL VIA
02	VE3EXY/2	SO	Canada	VE3EXY
09	PJ4/W9ILY		Bonaire	W9ILY
10	HC8N	M/2	Galapagos Islands	
14	LX5A	SOSB 20m	Luxembourg	LX1RQ
14	LX8M	SOSB 80m	Luxembourg	
15	OH0I	M/2	Aland Islands	OH3BHL
17	EY8MM	SOSB 20m	Tajikistan	K1BV
20	J49XB		Crete	DJ9XB
20	P3B		Cyprus	RA3AMG
20	SY9Y	SOAB LP	Crete	SV9FBM
21	9K2YM	SOSB 20m	Kuwait	direct
26	E21EIC	SOAB or SOSB 15m	Thailand	E21EIC
26	HS0EHF	SOSB 20m	Thailand	HS0EHF
26	HS72B	M/2	Thailand	E20NTS
33	CT9R		Madeira	EA2RY
33	CT9L		Madeira	DJ6QT
34	SU8BHI		Egypt	HA3JB

Give a look to the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at <http://www.ng3k.com>.



*The first two DXpeditions to Peter I: 3Y1EE & 3Y2GV (1987) and 3YØPI (1994)*



# GOOD TO KNOW

## DXCC

### THE DEATH OF THE ANNUAL LIST DEADLINE

The ARRL DX Century Club Program (DXCC) has announced that, effective immediately, there no longer will be a submission deadline for the DXCC Annual List. 30 September used to be the traditional cutoff date to compile entity totals for the DXCC Annual List. Under the deadline-free system, complete lists on the ARRL Web site will replace the lists of DXCC standings that customarily have appeared in the DXCC Yearbook. The new Web-based lists should be on-line early in the first quarter of 2005. After an initial posting, DXCC will regularly update the Web lists. These listings also will include the standings of all DXCC members, not just those who made a submission in the previous year, as had been the practice. ARRL will publish a scaled-down version of the DXCC Yearbook that will contain highlights of the standings, along with other features.

**3YOX** • The 2005 Peter I DXpedition [425DXN 696] has been awarded a major sponsorship grant by the Northern California DX Foundation, Inc. (NCDXF). The DXpedition is funded principally by the contributions of its twenty-one members plus this very generous grant; however, because of the extraordinary cost of chartering the vessel and its helicopter to travel safely to and from this remote location, additional assistance is still being sought from the world-wide DX community. For further information on the DXpedition, and how to contribute to its success, please visit [www.peterone.com](http://www.peterone.com) [TNX N4GN]



**AUSTRALIAN POSTAL RATES** • "All DXers should be aware that Australian postal rates increased by 10% starting 6th September 2004", Alan Roocroft, VK4AAR reports. "Please make allowances for this when enclosing reply postage. Also, it is not a good idea to attach Australian stamps to your SAE because 95% of DXers get the wrong series of stamps and the wrong value. Please let us do it ourselves. We know the system best and it is different to most countries".

+ **SILENT KEY** + Captain Lee E. Reisenweber, K3RGD/VP2VE passed away on 21 February at the San Juan VA Medical Center, San Juan, Puerto Rico. He is interred at Puerto Rico National Cemetery Bayamon. First licensed at the age of 12, Lee was president of the BVI Amateur Radio League. During the Vietnam War he served in the United States Marine Corps. Lee's family asks that anyone knowing Lee that have pictures or stories they can share to please send them to D. L. Borgman, 11111 NE 105th Avenue, Archer, Florida 32618, USA or email to [dlb@borgmangroup.com](mailto:dlb@borgmangroup.com)

+ **SILENT KEYS** + The Daily DX reports that Frank Turek, DL7FT passed away on 17 August. Over the years he visited and operated from many DX locations, usually with FT suffixes (e.g. TT8FT, ZK2FT, A35FT, etc). The DL7FT Post Office Box will not be closed, as Frank's wife Siegrid (DL7CN) will be handling QSL duties. Mike, ZP5YW informs that Gary, ZP5ZR passed away on 8 September. He was a well known DXer, with special interest for 6 metres and the satellite bands([www.sistemas.com.py/zp5yw/zp6m/zp5zr.htm](http://www.sistemas.com.py/zp5yw/zp6m/zp5zr.htm)).

**BARTG** • BARTG (the British Amateur Radio Teledata Group) announces the Oceania award, the last in its series of continental awards. It is available in three classes (for 10, 25 and 45 countries), the claim can be endorsed as "All RTTY" or "All PSK", or can be mixed digital modes, and it also possible to claim single band or mixed bands. Please visit the awards pages on [www.bartg.demon.co.uk](http://www.bartg.demon.co.uk) for the full rules. [TNX GUOSUP, [pcooper@quernsey.net](mailto:pcooper@quernsey.net)]

**CDXC** • At the recent annual general meeting of Chiltern DX Club, The UK DX Foundation ([www.cdxc.org.uk](http://www.cdxc.org.uk)), the following committee was elected: Neville

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Cheadle/G3NUG (President), John Butcher/G3LAS (Chairman), Peter Hart/G3SIX (Secretary), Nigel Cawthorne/G3TXF (Treasurer), Martyn Phillips/G3RFX (Digest Editor), Jim Kellaway/G3RTE, David Gould/G3UEG, Mark Haynes/MODXR (Committee members). CDXC has recently made an Award of Merit to the 3B9C team. The Award of Merit programme enables CDXC, on behalf of the UK amateur community, to give recognition to deserving amateurs "For outstanding and unselfish contributions to the field of HF amateur radio and DXing". Recent winners are: 2001 D68C Comoro Islands, 1999 ZL9CI Campbell Island, 1998 9MOC Spratly Island and 1997 VK0IR Heard Island DXpeditions. [TNX G3XTT]

**CIS DX RTTY CONTEST** • The Scottish-Russian ARS ([srars@srars.org](mailto:srars@srars.org)) sponsors the CIS DX RTTY Contest, which will be held from 12 UTC on 11 September to 12 UTC on the 12th. The objective of the contest is to establish as many RTTY contacts as possible between radio amateurs around the world and radio amateurs in the Commonwealth of Independent States (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan). Full information can be found at <http://www.srars.org/cisdxcc.htm> [TNX MMODFV]

**DX MAGAZINE MOST WANTED SURVEY** • The DX Magazine's annual Most Wanted Survey is being conducted now through 31 October. The survey form is available at [http://www.dxpub.com/dx\\_survey2004.html](http://www.dxpub.com/dx_survey2004.html) and the overall results will be published in early 2005. [TNX N4AAJ]

**DXCC NEWS** • The following operations have been approved for DXCC credit:  
4W4JEG Timor-Leste 7 October 2003 - 30 June 2004  
T6RF Afghanistan 1 July - 31 August 2004  
TT8KR Chad 7-14 September 2004.

**EU-163** ● Goran, YZ1SG operated as YT2A/LGT from Katic Reef (20-22 August) and as YZ1SG/P from Sv. Nedjelja (31 August). Both count for ARLHS YUG-009 and IOTA EU-163. QSL via YZ1SG, direct or bureau. [TNX YZ1SG]

**EUCW CONTEST** ● The first contest organized by the Club Francophone will take place on 11 November from 5 to 15 UTC. Full information is available at <http://www.on5cft.be.tf/> [TNX F5NQL]



**EU SPRINT CONTESTS** ● The two Autumn events will be held on 20, 40 and 80 metres only from 15.00 UTC until 18.59 UTC on 2 October (Autumn SSB, managed by I2UIY) and 9 October (Autumn CW, managed by OK2FD). Full details (free software included) can be found at <http://www.qsl.net/eusprint>

**GM SPECIAL CONTEST CALLS** ● Jurij, MM0DFV (<http://www.scotham.net>) provides the list of the current special contest callsigns (with their relevant QSL route) used by Scottish amateur radio clubs

GM0B	MM0BHX	GM5V	GM3UTQ
GM0F	M0CMK	GM7M	MM0ERK
GM0G	MM0SLB	GM7R	MM1AUF
GM2T	GM4UYZ	GM7V	M0CMK
GM2Z	MM0DFV	GM8W	GM4XZZ
GM3W	GM3JKS	MM0Q	MM0BQI
GM4V	MM0FVC	MM2R	MM1AUF
GM5A	GM3YTS	MM7I	GM3GBZ
GM5C	GM0DEQ		

**HTC-QRP SPRINT CONTEST** ● This CW only event, organized by the Helvetia Telegraphy Club (HTC), will take place (on 20, 40 and 80 metres) from 13 to 19 UTC on 11 September. Details can be found at <http://www.htc.ch/> [TNX F5QNL]

**MIA CONTEST** ● The Mediterranean Islands Contest, organized by the Mediterraneo DX Club, will take place from 12 UTC on 18 September to 12 UTC on the 19th. The MIA Contest software, for both licenced amateurs (thanks to IK6CAC) and SWLs (thanks to I5-1990), can be downloaded at <http://www.mdx.org/con testmia/>

**NCDXF** ● At its Board of Directors meeting on 11 September, the Northern California DX Foundation re-elected the following officers and directors: Len Gerald/K6ANP (President), Al Burnham/K6RIM (Vice President), Tom McShane/NW6P (Secretary), Bruce Butler/W6OSP (Trasurer), Rusty Epps/W6OAT, Dave Pugatch/KI6WF, Chuck Ternes/N6OJ, Glenn Vinson/W6OTC, Steve Merchant/K6AW, Ken Anderson/K6TA and Tim Totten/N4GN (Directors). Information pertaining to the

Northern California DX Foundation is available at <http://www.ncdxf.org/> [TNX K6RIM]

**NCDXF** ● The Northern California DX Foundation, Inc. ([www.ncdxf.org](http://www.ncdxf.org)) announced on 18 September at the W9DXCC DX Convention that it has awarded major sponsorship grants, for the 2005 Kerguelen Islands (FT/X) and Peter I (3Y0X) DXpeditions. Together, these grants exceed \$100,000, and represent the largest grants made in the history of the NCDXF. "These exceptional grants were awarded in light of the rarity of operations from these locations, the significant individual contributions being made by the participants themselves, as well as the very high cost of mounting DXpeditions to such remote locations," said NCDXF President Len Gerald, K6ANP. [TNX N4GN]

**NOT THE MANAGER** ● Fred, DL1DBF is receiving 3V8 cards for which the correct QSL route is via Mustapha, DL1BDF. [TNX DJ2YA]

**NOT THE MANAGER** ● Marco, IV3NCC says he is receiving cards for Omani stations (A47RS included) for which he is not and has never been the QSL manager. He can confirm only contacts made during his own A4/IV3NCC and A4/IV3NCC/p (Suwadi Island, AS-112) operations.

**QSL 4K6DI** ● Effective 1 September, W3HNK is no longer the QSL manager for Andrew, 4K6DI. The new QSL route is via DL7EDH (Alexander Spielmann, Hubertus Str. 5, D-85095 Denkendorf, Germany), who is able to confirm also past QSOs. [TNX 4K6DI]

**QSL 8J1RL** ● The QSL cards for contacts made with Syowa Station (AN-015, JA-02 for the Antarctica Award) from February 2004 to January 2005 will be forwarded to JARL Bureau in April 2005 after the operators return to Japan. On-line logs at [http://www.jarl.or.jp/English/4\\_Library/A-47\\_8j1rl/frame.htm](http://www.jarl.or.jp/English/4_Library/A-47_8j1rl/frame.htm)

**QSL EO150JPO** ● All of the contacts with this special event station will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. Those who need a direct card should send their requests to P.O. Box 330, Sevastopol 99057, Ukraine. [TNX UT5JDS]



**QSL LU1ZA** ● The new address for LU2CN is: SARA - Servicio Auxiliar de Radioperadores de la Armada, Avda Comodoro Py 2055, Piso 12, Oficina 42, 1105 Buenos Aires, Argentina. LU2CN is the QSL route for LU1ZA, the Orcadas del Sur Navy Detachment (LU-14) on Laurie Island, South Orkneys (AN-008). [TNX LU1BW]

**QSL RAOFN** ● UA9OR is the current callsign of Viacheslav Davidenko, formerly known as RAOFN. He has moved to the UA9 area and his current address is: Viacheslav Davidenko, P.O. Box 222, Novosibirsk-34, 630034, Russia. Logs and QSL cards for RAOFN are still available.

**QSL ST2T** ● Dane, ST2T (S57CQ) will remain in Sudan for the next two months, and QSL cards will not



be printed before the end of his activity. His QSL manager (S57DX) also reports that many are sending useless old style IRCs to cover return postage expenses. So please be patient, do not send second cards and above all do use new style coupons. [TNX S57DX]

**QSL TR8CX** • Please note that the new address for Xavier, F5PBQ/TR8CX is: Xavier Cholat, Les Thermes, Domaine Saint-Jean, 73230 Saint-Jean d'Arvey, France. [TNX F5PBQ]

**QSL VK9CJ** • Uwe, DJ9HX reports he is receiving lots of cards for the November/December 2003 VK9CJ operation. Please note that Uwe can confirm contacts made during his own operation (July/August 1995), while the QSL route for last year's activity is via JA1KJW.

**QSL ZK3DX** • Erik, SMOAGD can confirm only contacts made with ZK3DX (and ZK3CW) in October 1999. The callsign has been reissued and the QSL route for the current ZK3DX is via EB2AYV.

**QSL VIA EA7FTR** • Please note that Fran, EA7FTR will be the QSL manager for the 17-21 September operation by HC4CB and HC4/EA9CP from Isla Cojimies (SA-056) only. All of the other calls that Antonio, EA9CP will be using during his South America trip [425DXN 696] will be managed by EA9CP himself. [TNX EA7FTR]

**QSL VIA IZ8CCW** • Antonio is the QSL manager for the following stations: 5B/IT9SSI (AS-004 and AS-120), 5B/IZ8CCW (AS-004 and AS-120), 8A3M (OC-250) CO8TW (NA-015), CU3X (AF-014), ED8MDC (AF-004), H40AT (OC-065), H44AT (OC-149), IB0DX (EU-045), IB0MDC (EU-045), IC8/IZ8CCW (EU-031), ID8/IZ8CCW (EU-144), II8CS, II8MDC, IL7M (EU-050), IO8MDC (EU-144), IQ8ARI, IQ8BP, IQ8CS, IQ8MDC, IR1MDC, IR2MDC, IR5MDC, IR6MDC, IR8CS, IR8M, IR8MDC, IR9MDC, IT9/IZ8CCW (EU-025), IU8MDC, IU8W, J3/F4TVY (NA-024), J6/F4TVY (NA-108), J79TUY (NA-101), KB5GL/5 (NA-089, Apr 03), RI0CM (AS-172), UN8GDR, UN8GF, UN8GU, UP7GMDC, V8AQZ (OC-088), VU2DPM (AS-153, Jan 02), VU2HFR (AS-153, Jan 02), VU2JSH (AS-153, Jan 02), VU2KFR (AS-153, Jan 02), VU2SKD (AS-153, Jan 02), YB3ZES (OC-021), YB3ZES/P (OC-237), YB3ZMI (OC-237), YC0IEM (OC-021), YC0IEM/7 (OC-088), YC0IEM/9 (OC-022), YC0IEM/P (OC-145 and OC-148), YCOLND (OC-021), YCOUTC (OC-021), YC3BDJ (OC-021), YC3DIK (OC-021), YC3DIK/P (OC-237), YC3IZK (OC-021), YC3MM, YC3MM/5 (OC-075 and OC-245), YC3MM/P (OC-197 and OC-237), YC3OX (OC-021), YC7SKM (OC-088), YC9MB (OC-151), YC9MT (OC-151), YE3M (OC-021), YE5A (OC-262), YE5X (OC-075), YE5XMD (OC-075) and Z38M. Antonio will attend the HF-DX Convention in Bologna next weekend those who need one or more cards are invited to get in touch with him ([iz8ccw@mdxc.org](mailto:iz8ccw@mdxc.org)). [TNX IZ8CCW]

**QSL VIA VK4AAR** • Alan is the QSL manager for the following stations: 9VOA, 9V1DX, C21RH, KH2VM, P29RH, V63PD, V10ANARE, VK0MM, VK6AN (OC-266), VK6BM (OC-234), VK6BSI (OC-243), VK6LI (OC-071), VK8AN/6 (OC-154), VK8AN/8 (OC-229), VK8AV/3 (OC-136), VK8DP, VK8MI (OC-173), VK8RH, VK8XC, VU3RSB, YJ8AA, ZK2JJ, ZK2PJ. QSL direct only to Alan Roocroft, P.O. Box 421, Gatton 4343, Australia.

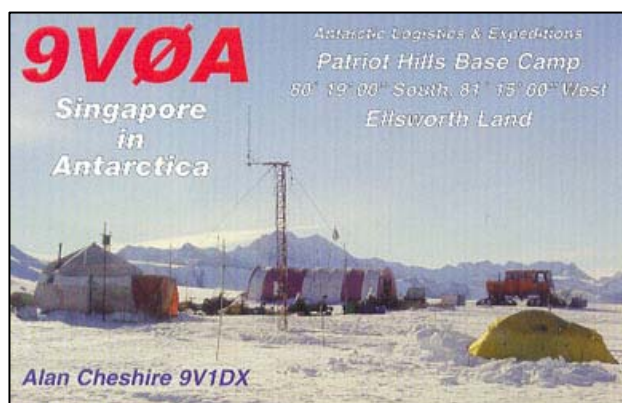
**RDA** • The Russian Districts Award (RDA), sponsored by the Tambov Award Group, is available to either licenced amateurs and SWLs for confirmed contacts made with the various districts of the Russian Federation after 12

June 1991. Full information can be found at [http://rdaward.org/rda\\_eng.htm](http://rdaward.org/rda_eng.htm)

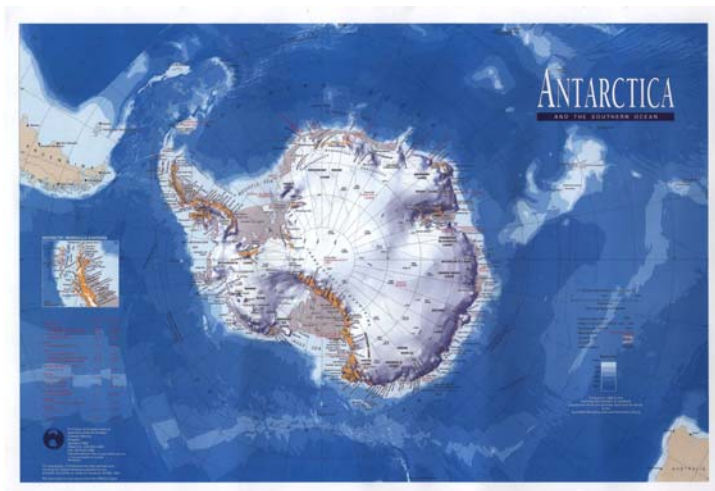
**SRT EVENT** • The Strange Radio Team special event will run from 00.00 UTC on 22 October through 24 UTC on the 24th. Proceeds beyond out-of-pocket expenses will be donated to charity. Information is available at <http://www.strangeradioteam.com> or from the Event Manager Marco De Carlo, IZ7DOK ([iz7dok@libero.it](mailto:iz7dok@libero.it)) [TNX IZ8EDJ]



**UKRAINIAN DX CONTEST** • Sponsored by the Ukrainian Contest Club (UCC) and the Ukrainian Amateur Radio League (UARL), it will take place on 160-10 metres (WARC bands excluded) CW, SSB and RTTY, from 12 UTC on 6 November through 12 UTC on the 7th. Full rules and results are available at <http://urcc.com.ua/> or <http://www.qsl.net/ut1ia/> [TNX UY5ZZ]



# NEWS FROM THE WEB



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**ANTARCTICA:** A page of links to Antarctica related web sites has been added to the Antarctica Award page at [www.mdxc.org/antarctica](http://www.mdxc.org/antarctica) [TNX IZ8CGS]

**LOGS:** On-line logs for IU1L's operations from La Lanterna (ARLHS ITA-177, WAIL LI-005) in the 2003 and 2004 International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekends are available at [www.arigenova.it](http://www.arigenova.it) [TNX IZ1BZS]

**QSL DB:** Boye Christensen, OZ7C reports that his QSL DBase (more than 355,000 records) has been moved to the Danish DX Group's web site at <http://www.ddxg.dk/oz7c/>.

**TWLHD:** The World Light House Diplom software, written by Jean-Pierre Lehembre/F6FNA, can be downloaded from the World Light House Foundation's web site at <http://www.twlhf.com> [TNX 9A7K]

**WIN-TEST:** Olivier, F5MZN and Laurent, F6FVY report that the English version of Win-Test (a shareware logging software that supports all the major events and several other contests) is now downloadable at [www.win-test.com](http://www.win-test.com) [TNX F6FVY]

## OD5RMK (AS-108) • IOTA CONTEST 2005



Story and pictures of the recent OD5RMK operation from Ramkin Island can be found at <http://www3.ocn.ne.jp/~iota/newpage85.htm>. [TNX JI6KVR]

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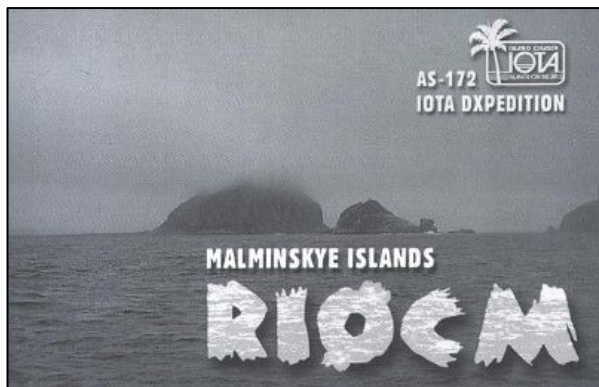
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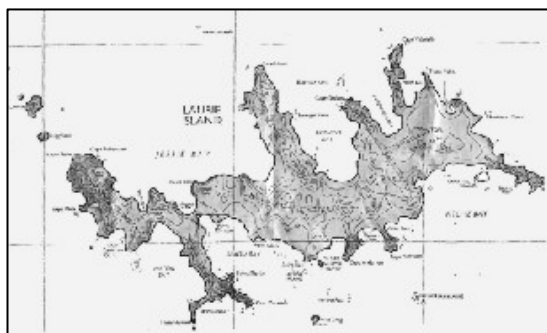


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South Orkney archipelago is located near the north boundary of the Argentine Antarctica. It is composed of forty islands and islets, being one of the most important places Coronación Island at the west and Laurie Island at the east. On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1904, the centennial history of the Argentine Republic in the Antarctica has begun precisely in the Laurie Island due to the permanent occupation of the White Continent by our country and by humanity.



*Laurie Island*

In 1904, a continuous scientific activity started in the magnetic and meteorological observatory located in the South Orkney. Scientific studies on meteorology are particularly interesting because streams of polar air interact here, affecting the weather conditions of all the South Hemisphere. Thus, weather forecast is performed for the



Antarctic region. The earth's magnetic field is observed and measured in the Orkney Base. The relevant data obtained is transferred to the World Geomagnetic Chart, used in sea and air navigation. Geological and geodesical studies along the Scotia Arch are also carried out. Due to a scientific agreement between Argentina and Italy, a seismological station participating on the Antarctic Seismological Net is working in the Orkney Base since 1997. Research on glaciology and ice conditions, monitoring of penguin colonies, and fauna observation, among other activities, are also performed.

The first post office in the Antarctic, named " Orcadas del Sud", was founded on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1904, the same day the observatory was created. Therefore, one of the main requisites for the sovereignty was full filled: the post as an essential juridical form to actively be in contact with the country central administration. In 1927, radiotelegraph communication started with the continent. Fifteen years later, a new post office called "Islas Orcadas del Sud", was inaugurated, rendering continuous services since then. This post office has turned into a Radio/Post Office in 1949.



*Admiral Julio Hector Alvarez*

One of my dreams was to be there in the Orkney Base, were many hams need the island for a new entity, so I started connecting with those people who could help me to go to the island. The first one was my neighbour, Admiral Mr. Hector Julio Alvarez who informed me the way to begin to contact the responsible people in charge of the trip to the Summer Antarctic Campaign.

I started talking about this voyage two years ago when I got in touch with Claudio Stanich operator of LU1ZA 2001/2002 and he said "Henry you have to be here, this is a paradise and very good for ham activity". Thinking that in 2004 the century at the Orcadas Base was coming in due time it was very nice to use a special call for the event, at last my trip to South Orkney Island was coordinated and the call was to be AY1ZA.

Then I carried out all my body checking and waited until the Navy called me to departure. On January 14th, Cristina my wife, helped me to carry out all my wood bags and the two tubes where the antenna was to be delivered to the airport, the day after my departure to Ushuaia. There I waited to aboard the icebreaker that took me to the South Orkney Islands.



**Henry and the equipment**



**Departuring Ezeiza**

I departed from Ezeiza at 08:00 local time and arrived to Ushuaia the most austral city of Argentina at mid-day where Navy personnel were waiting and took me to the Air Naval Base as well as my wood-bags and the two tubes.



**Pupi, LU8XP and his wife Luisa**

As soon as I installed in my room, Pupi LU8XP phoned me and that night we had a good dinner. The day after he showed me the very nice city where he lives and every day until the ship departure I moved with him from one place to another.

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>, I saw the icebreaker coming along the Beagle channel and it made me feel better, knowing that in a few days I was on my way to South Orkney. Monday January 26<sup>th</sup> the ship left Ushuaia and started the 1500 km voyage through the strait of Drake.



**The icebreaker "Almirante Irizar"**



**26 January: departing Ushuaia**

My stop was Laurie Island located in the South Orkney Group, Lat. 60° 45' S Long. 44° 43' W. Fortunately, I had a quiet voyage when crossing the strait of Drake during three days of navigation and arriving January 29<sup>th</sup> evening and anchored in the Scotia Bay waiting for the helicopter to load the antennas, boxes etc.

When I finished my lunch, I started to install the 80 and 40 mts. dipoles, repair a multiband antenna installed in the base, which was used for 30, 17 and 12 mts., the four elements 20, 15 and 10 mts. were installed with the help of Navy boys because the weather was very cold, windy and snowy. As soon I put on the air the IC-751 A, the first qso was with LU9DO John, who answered my CQ call on 14.290. More than 100 entities were contacted on the bands and about 4.600 QSO's were made and I had the chance to talk to many old friends around the world, that I couldn't reach from Buenos Aires since a long time, due to very

poor conditions.



*Unloading operations from the icebreaker anchored at Scotia Bay*

### AY1ZA ACTIVITY AND QSO STATISTICS

	SSB	CW	RTTY	PSK31	
160m	1				1
80m	319	3	1		323
40m	776	2	2		780
30m		9			9
20m	1963	55	184	31	2233
17m	437	2	5		444
15m	290	5	40	50	385
12m	41	2	1		44
10m	451	2	11		464
	<b>4278</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>4683</b>

Although my objective was to double the score, unfortunately everybody was talking to the main land with their parents and communications took long time. Remember that this is the only way to contact them; there are no telephones in the island. Sometimes I passed 15 hours without transmitting and time to time due to the bad propagation.

The two operators helped me giving me free space in the air for the amateur hams. I started at 05:00 gmt and 11:00 gmt when conditions start to dim my bed was waiting for me and woke up at 16:00 gmt for lunch, then it had a free space and with good propagation I transmitted up to 18:30 gmt were the Navy operator started with his transmission and ended out 00:00 gmt, then, I had free space again, so I returned to the radio up to 02:00 gmt at the end I slept until 05:00 gmt and start al again with my unforgettable day hi hi !!!

I remember about two years ago, with Claudio and also Jose Luis, we worked at 22:00 gmt 15, 17 and 12 mts band with very good conditions and sometimes 10 mts. between USA and Japan, but this year propagation changed too much. I hope I will return again to communicate and give the chance to those who are looking forward the South Orkney Islands.

#### Something to Remember

About radio ham activity, LU1ZA is the call sign that the Secretary of Communications assigned to South Orkney Island, but radio operators are working every day in their private frequencies connecting who want to talk to their parents in the continent, so that's why they do not appear on the amateur bands. On 2001/2002 I started with Claudio having schedule time/freq. putting the island on the air, that was wonderful! Same thing with Jose Luis on 2002/2003, unfortunately Anibal the 2003/2004 operator was very busy due to the centenary of the Base, and everybody worked hard in everything. I want to give a special thanks to Hito JA8FCG, Masa JE1LET and Max IK6RUM, they support qsl cards for LU1ZA.



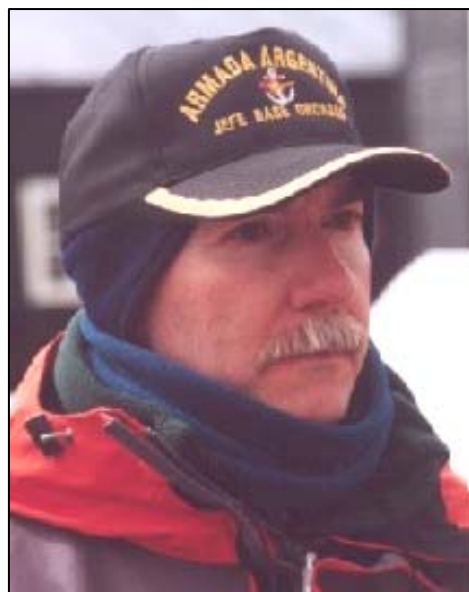
First of all I would like to thank the ARGENTINE NAVY who made this trip possible. Captain Mr. RICARDO GARDE, the base commander, welcomed me as soon as I arrived and made me feel at home.



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## PHOTO GALLERY



*The Navy boys installing the mast and the Base commander, Capt. Ricardo Garde*



*Henry as AY1ZA from Pampa House*



*L to R: Adrian (op.2004), Anibal (op.2003) and Henry, LU4DXU/AY1ZA.*



*The Argentine Navy personnel and  
the Destacamento Naval Orcadas del Sur (AA LU-14) on Laurie Island (IOTA AN-008)*



**A view of the Henry and the base from  
Mossman Hill**

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